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The Post Gets a Pueblo Letter

Writer Asks U.S. Apology To Save Lives

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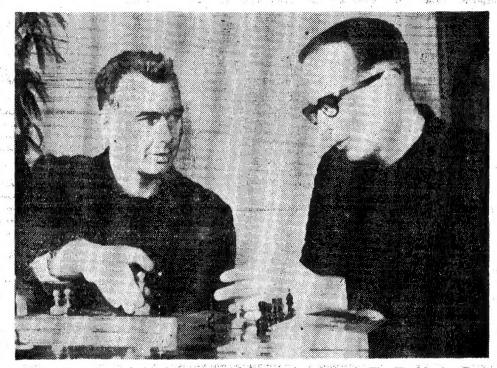
A handwritten four page letter bearing the signature of a Pueblo crewman, was received by The Washington Post yesterday. It appeals for U.S. Government action lest the Pueblo crew "spend the rest of our lives" in North Korea or "be shot as criminals."

The letter was signed by Michael T. Barrett. Navy records list such a man as a Communications Technician 1st Class in the captured 82-man crew of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo.

Enclosed were two snapshots, presumably of Barrett, one alone, the other with an unidentified fellow crewman whose picture reportedly has appeared in other Pueblo appeals received recently.

The letter was dispatched in other such appeals in refer-lating North Korean territo-the letter writer declares, lope which in turn was for-ring to his captors with the rial waters six times by the "that our government has not

is the first of the various spelling mistake, an extra "t" rea's harbor of Wonsan. U.S. to own up to these facts Pueblo crew appeals known to in "writting." have a return address. .



This and another photo of the man at left were in a letter to The Washington Post.

warded to the Washington North Korean Communist re-time it was captured on Jan. yet seen fit to apologize in the Post in a white envelope bearing a New York postmark and
return address.

U.S. officials indicated this

West and a common common clature:

On the capture date, Barrett prove that the USS Pueblo did says, the Pueblo was 7.6 miles commit these acts. I consider off an island near North Kothat if our government were

Following similar letters 15.6 miles offshore at the time ing them, and if our govern-But this return address, a handwritten "Branahan, 3850 tives and friends of crew E. 220th st., New York, members, as well as Congress-U.S.A.," turned out to be nonexistent.

In his letter, Barrett follows a most serious crime" by vio
"I am rather disappointed," tion will be realized."